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SUBJECT: ITALY AND INDONESIAN SIGN AGREEMENT FOR ATOMIC
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1. ON DECEMBER 16 ITALY AND INDONESIA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR A LIRA 770 MILLION GRANT TO FINANCE A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ATOMIC POWER IN INDONESIA. FEASIBILITY STUDY BY NUCLEARE ITALIANA REATTORI AVANZATI WILL TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE, AND INDONESIA HOPES TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF AN ATOMIC POWER FACILITY SOMETIME IN 1979. INDONESIA NATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (BATAN) OFFICIALS HAVE REFERRED TO COMPLETION OF A POWER GENERATING PLANT SOMETIME BETWEEN 1985-90; IR. WIJARSO, DIRECTOR OF OIL AND GAS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE, HAS SAID THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT ATOMIC ENERGY TO PLAY A ROLE IN ENERGY GENERATION IN INDONESIA UNTIL SOMETIME IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

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2. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL AND ELSEWHERE, INDONESIA HAS URANIUM ORE DEPOSITS ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION OF THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF EXPLOITING THESE DEPOSITS HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALLY DETERMINED. BATAN STRONGLY FAVORS HEAVY WATER SYSTEM REACTOR WHICH WOULD BE ABLE TO USE NATURAL URANIUM AS ITS FUEL; INDONESIA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD

(PLN) ON THE OTHER HAND, IS SAID TO LEAN TOWARD ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL SYSTEM. CANADA HAS BEEN PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY WITH REGARD TO COOPERATION WITH INDONESIA IN ATOMIC ENERGY FIELD PENDING INDONESIAN RATIFICATION OF NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, AND CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL HAS EXPRESSED FEAR THAT INDONESIANS WILL OBTAIN ACCESS TO CANADIAN HEAVY WATER TECHNOLOGY THROUGH ITALIANS. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, DURING AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY CALLED ON INDONESIA TO SIGN THE NPT, AND SAID "ITALY COULD NOT TRANSFER TECHNOLOGY TO A COUNTRY WHICH HAD NOT SIGNED INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON ATOMIC ENERGY SAFEGUARDS." MASTERS

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